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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application

Appl. No. 09/266,935; Filed: March 12, 1999

Compositions and Methods for Enhanced Synthesis of Nucleic Acid Molecules For:

Acid Molecules

Inventors:

Li et al.

Our Ref:

0942.4560001/RWE/BJD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- PTO Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17); 1.
- 2. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form;
- 3. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
- 4. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
- 5. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
- 6. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) **TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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